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West-Bohemian Paper Plant in Plzen.1. Location and List of Installations.

The West-Bohemian Paper Plant, National Enterprise, plant # 1 (Zapadoceske papirny, n.p., zavod c.1.) is located in Plzen (N50/L04), Zahradni ulice c.2. The plant consists of the following departments and work-shops¹: management (which includes the accounting office, wage office, and the planning section); cellulose shop; wood shop (peeling and chopping section); yard; motor vehicle transportation; RR transportation; calender hall (kalandrovna); paper production hall; store room for finished products; lye room (louhovna); pyrite furnaces; boiler room; and chromium plating shop.

2. Production.

The plant produces wrapping paper, school paper, playing cards, imitation leather made of paper (used in production of women purses), and cardboard for manufacture of boxes (until 1952 boxes were manufactured in the plant, since then only the cardboard referred to as "export paper" is produced). The finished products are transported from the plant to the alleged distribution centers of the paper industry in Praha (051/L78), Merklin (N50/P92), and Potucky (N51/K51). Export goods are carefully packed into wooden cases measuring 130 x 70 x 30 centimeters, while goods earmarked for home consumption are only lightly packed in cases made of a few wooden planks. Shipments to the USSR average five RR cars daily, loaded with the above mentioned cases, and with rolls of paper 140 to 150 centimeters high, diameter of rolls 50 centimeters. RR cars destined for the USSR are labeled Cierna nad Tisou (R49/E90 - a Czechoslovak-Soviet border station). The amount of products earmarked for home consumption averages two to three RR carloads per day.²

3. Raw materials.

Wood is supplied to the plant in logs one and two meters long, diameter of logs 10, 20 and 25 centimeters, by the State Forest Enterprise at Mirosov (N50/L23), Mezvestice (N50/L13), Holoubkov (N50/L24), Rokycany (N50/L24), Dobrichov (N50/P80), and Lnare (N50/L31), in the Sumava (Boehmerwald) region. The wood comes both peeled and unpeeled.

The amount of coal supplied to the plant varies from 20 RR carloads per week in summer to 50 carloads per week in winter. Some 70% of the coal is lignite and 30% hard coal. Pyrites come from Praha in the amount of two carloads per month. The pyrites are usually mixed with sulphur in the plant. Carbide is supplied by the Lenin (former Skoda) Works in Plzen, usually about two barrels a day (size of barrels is two by two by one and a half meters). The barrels arrive from the Lenin Works on tractor-drawn trailers. Chlorine comes from Usti nad Labem in asphalt-size barrels, some 18 barrels every two weeks. Sulphur and pitch are imported from the USSR. Pitch comes in one metric centner barrels, seven carloads per month, 170 barrels to a RR car. The total import

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of Soviet sulphur during [redacted] amounted to 45 tons (three RR cars). Water-glass comes to the plant from Usti nad Labem (N51/F44), usually one RR carload of 60 barrels every two months. Quicklime comes on trucks somewhere from the vicinity of Plzen (name of locality unknown). Until 1952 it was also shipped in by train (one carload per month). Every month the plant receives one carload of planks for packing boxes. In addition to the fuel listed above the plant is getting monthly from Praha two carloads of waste-collection material (old paper, rags, etc.) which is then mixed with coal and the pyrites for burning. The cinders from this mixture are sent for further processing (probably extraction of iron) to Zelezna Ruda (N50/Q07).

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4. Security measures.

The whole plant area is fenced in; in the NE by a brick wall, in the NW and SW by a board fence, and in the SE by a meshed-wire fence. All the fencing is approximately two meters high, topped by barbed wire. The plant is guarded by members of the VS (Internal Guard - vnitřní stráž), and by the ZM (Plant Militia - závodní milice). There are always three members of the VS on duty in the gatekeeper's lodge (3.5 x 3.5 meters brick house) located near the main entrance in the brick wall on the NE side of the plant. Apart from the VS guard there are three gatekeepers and one weigher (vážný).³

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